

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

SPECIAL WORKSHOP

JANUARY 17, 2017

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in a special workshop session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Trussville City Hall. This special work session was called to discuss city projects, and to prioritize those projects.

Those persons in attendance were as follows:

Council President Brian Plant
Councilman Perry Cook
Councilman Jeff Freeman
Councilman Zac Steele
Councilman Alan Taylor

Absent: None

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat

Mayor Choat had a number of topics for discussion listed, and encouraged the councilmembers to add to this list if there were topics he missed.

Valley Road Extension	Discussed Guy Martin agreement, plan for parking and sidewalk along roadway, missing piece owned by person in Florida, and Harris small triangle needed to straighten existing road. Questioned need for sidewalk and parking area and assigned high priority to this project. Estimated cost \$3.5 million, estimated time 16-18 months.
RDA	Discussed need for parking area immediately with striping, relocation of sporting goods store. David Reese plan for sidewalks and his suggestion this not be done first. Parking is priority and can be done within 8 weeks. Discussed doing sidewalks along highway in area where facade grants are approved in northeast quadrant
Don's Carpet	Discussed unknown if Ms. Olvey still plans to rebuild at prior location on highway or if she will sell. Discussed interest expressed by developer if both Olvey and City property were available.
Greenways/Walkways	Updated progress. Last day on contract is February 9. Bridge abutments in. Bridge remains to be set and 200 trees to be planted. Realistically, project could finish by mid to late March.
Sticks & Stuff	Some interest expressed on property. Discussed if sidewalks done and damaged by construction what happens. Suggested make sidewalk repairs a condition of approval.
Inspections	Will move to Cherokee location on January 25.
Paving streets	Evaluating condition of streets to compile a list for resurfacing
Public Works	Discussed option of moving public works to Goldkist facility. Unknown cost for preparing area for offices, restrooms, breakroom, and for minor maintenance and repair operations
Amerex/Goldkist	Working with attorney on a 6-month lease at \$1,500 per month. Discussion with Amerex seems agreeable.

Homestead Village	Hobby Lobby will probably be completed first. All but three spaces leased. Some more restaurants now included. Problem discovered with decorative wall along highway. This wall will be on top of the gas line. Will meet with utilities on this. One suggestion was landscape shrubs rather than wall.
Cedar Street	Plans on drawing board. Will be done after Railroad Avenue project is completed
Fire Station 2 - Sewage	Work to install additional field lines in process
Fire Station 3 -Bathroom	No action at this time, but will be addressed
Debit/Credit Cards	Meeting with vendors to initiate acceptance of debit/credit cards in administrative office and inspections
Street lights	Alabama Power representatives took Mayor, Jane Bailey, George Bacon and Lynn Porter to various areas of Birmingham to show new LED street lighting installed. Shown various light heads designed for multi-land highway lighting and neighborhood lighting. Could swap out light head for light head for 1200+ street lights. Willing to do demonstration areas. Would be no additional cost, but also no cost savings, but would be better lighting. Briefly mentioned to power company desire to have decorative street and pedestrian level lighting in downtown and they said they could accommodate (also LED). Discussed desire to move power lines along highway either to rear or underground and problem of the high power transmission line that crosses Main Street at Chalkville Road. Discussed decorative street lighting in Cahaba and fact there is no power along the roadway. Costs unknown. Previously priced poles and lamp heads, but power supply not addressed.
Food Trucks	Mentioned Sheepdog Firearms request for food trucks at their location, but has been no further discussion.
Board Appointments	Board and committee vacancies need to be addressed. Need to address request for BOE term limits since asked. Question term limits for other boards or council.
Outdoor Donation Boxes	Discussed messes that accumulate near these boxes and how to control this. Will check other cities for ordinances.
Veterans' Memorial	Plaques for some branches of service are filled and there is a waiting list of a few names. Possibility to engrave and install additional plates on wall, but this is estimated \$50-60,000 expense
Trussville Springs	Mayor met with developer today and discussed progress, or lack thereof, with ALDOT and railroad. Also discussed cleaning up mess in areas where trees were cut.
Willow Oaks	Project progressing and in good shape
IDB Pond	Dam built by beavers on old pond removed by public works. Area needs to dry out, have silt removed and to be filled. Will need to hire someone to perform this work. Must be completed by mid-March when regulations change
School Zones	Darrell Skipper has plan. Still need to stripe road and erect signs.

Braden's building	Project in downtown area including removing building, Chalkville Road widening, utility relocation and major drainage work that will have to have strict coordination to minimize time of road closures. Discussed having a vacant building with covered windows right downtown, the view of what is behind building if removed, questioned does it need to be leased. Cost of project projected at \$5-6 million.
Powers	Members have received correspondence concerning his perceived diminishment of property value. Suggest study and then invite to workshop to discuss.
Street signs	City Clerk receives periodic inquiries, including this week to have decorative street signs installed in subdivisions not covered in first installation. No poles left. Cost in early 2000s for custom manufactured poles was \$400 per street sign pole and \$150 per stop sign post, plus an additional cost for the sign backer plates. Suggestion made to see what standard posts are available and if anything similar can be purchased. Number needed is unknown.
Police Personnel & Equipment	Councilmen Taylor and Plant met with Capt. Bridges on needs: 5 vehicles - 1 Tahoe, 2 F-150s, 2 Malibu - \$144,000 to be paid at \$72,000 over 2 years. Request to fund \$200,000 per year (5 vehicle replacements) ongoing. Need 5 officers (\$200,000). Also discussed body cameras and crowd control/riot equipment
Fire Personnel & Equipment	Councilmen Taylor and Plant met with Acting Chief Shotts. He suggested that Asst Chief position not be filled. Need 5 firefighters (\$200,000), the cost of which could be partially offset by eliminating Asst. Chief position. Vehicle needs \$300,000
Greenway Ball Park	The grant has not been awarded yet, but we are told that it appears that our application is likely to be approved. If this happens, we will have a \$150,000 match on the grant
Subdivision Regulations	Current regulations from 1978. Need to be updated at a cost of \$40-60,000. Possibility of RPC 50/50 grant to reduce.
Digital Zoning Map	In process. City Clerk performing first review of draft map
Web site	New employee working on updating website and seeing what else is needed.
Upgrade admin furnishings	Upgrade furnishings in Mayor's office and Council Chamber chairs. May ask David Reese to produce something for facade upgrade of building
Warrant refunding	Discuss rate fluctuation downward that may make refunding a portion of the warrant attractive. Discuss changing bond attorney and hiring financial advisor
Staffing	Discuss hiring economic development person
City of Birmingham	Contact made with Kim Rafferty concerning condition of Mary Taylor Road through Birmingham's jurisdiction Also discussed developing a relationship with the City of Birmingham

There being no other matters for discussing, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk